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Enclosed herein the notice that claims 1-4 are allowed except for the pending non-elected claims 5-6. Applicant is given one month or thirty days from the date of this letter to either cancel non-elected claims 5-6 or take appropriate action under 37 CFR 1.144.

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 5-6 to an invention non-elected with traverse in the reply filed on August 30, 2004. Applicant is given **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the date of this letter, whichever is longer, to cancel the noted claims or take other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144). Failure to take action during this period will be treated as authorization to cancel the noted claims by Examiner's Amendment and pass the case to issue. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted since this application will be passed to issue.

The prosecution of this case is closed except for consideration of the above matter.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-4 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior arts of record do not disclose a vehicle operation control method for controlling an actual steering angle of driven wheels based on a steering angle of a steering wheel and vehicle velocity in which the change amount of the steering angle of the steering wheel is multiplied with a variable gain; the results of the multiplications are integrated, and the actual steering angle of the driven wheel is controlled based on the result of the integration; the variable gain is obtained based on the vehicle velocity. The change amount of the steering angle is the difference between two timewise separated detections of the steering angles relative to the neutral position. This change of amount is explained by applicant in the remark section on page

5, first two paragraphs of the reply submitted on December 17, 2004. Claim 3 discloses a vehicle operation control apparatus that performs the method disclosed in claim 1.

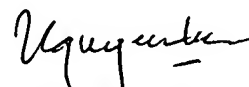
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 306-9130. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F (7:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (703) 305-8233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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